

# 2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program

## Municipal Category



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Environmental Protection



## **INTRODUCTION**

The 2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program has been created to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of municipalities to manage stormwater under the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) realizes that the requirements associated with the Program are comprehensive and, at times challenging. This award program is intended to recognize those programs that either go above and beyond the basic permit requirements; and/or have developed innovative approaches that have resulted in more efficient processes, significant cost savings, or mechanisms that promote cost-sharing or shared services.

Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson will honor municipal award recipients at the League of Municipalities Conference on November 15, 2007.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Nominations for this award may only be submitted by those entities currently authorized to discharge stormwater under the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit or Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit. Nominees must be able to certify that they are implementing a unique stormwater program within their municipality and are in compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

Applicants must agree to have information about their program shared with others through written material distributed by the Department.

## **AWARD CRITERIA**

The Department will be presenting a total of four (4) awards. Municipalities may nominate themselves in any of the following categories:

1. Post-Construction in New Development and Redevelopment
  - **Permit Requirements** - The permit requires that each municipality adopt a municipal stormwater management plan and ordinance, as well as ensure compliance with the Residential Site Improvement Standards.
  - **Award Examples** - An exceptional Post-Construction program may include, but are not limited to, provisions for training of your planning board members and an innovative stormwater mitigation plan for variances or exemptions from the design and performance standards set forth in the municipality's ordinance.
2. Local Public Education
  - **Permit Requirements** - Municipalities are required to annually distribute the Department's brochure entitled, "Solutions to Stormwater Pollution," and conduct an annual educational event. Municipalities must also establish a program to label storm drain inlets.
  - **Award Examples** - An innovative educational program may include, but not be limited to, the distribution of an environmental newsletter that highlights stormwater education. In addition, conducting more than one event per year or sharing the Clean Water New Jersey message other organizations such as local schools (e.g., assemblies, field days). Developing and maintaining a municipal web page containing appropriate stormwater education information and linking to the Clean Water NJ web page. Labeling every storm drain inlet, or labeling the required ones ahead of schedule.

3. Illicit Connection and Outfall Pipe Mapping Program (Tier A only)

- **Permit Requirements** - Municipalities are required to establish an ongoing program to detect and eliminate illicit connections. Also, municipalities must prepare a map of outfall pipe maps.
- **Award Examples** – Examples include, but are not limited to, establishing a hotline specifically for residents to alert municipal officials to the location and/or source of an illicit connection. Mapping the entire storm sewer system as well as individual outfalls not owned or operated by the municipality. Other examples include cost-sharing programs with other municipalities or agencies, or utilizing GPS and/or locating outfalls on GIS mapping.

4. Maintenance Yard/Public Works Operations (including Solids and Floatable Control) (Tier A only)

- **Permit Requirements** - Municipalities must develop and implement programs for street sweeping, storm drain inlet retrofitting, road erosion control, stormwater facility maintenance, outfall pipe stream scouring remediation, de-icing material storage and development of standard operation procedures for fueling operations, vehicle maintenance, and good housekeeping procedures.
- **Award Examples** – Examples include, but are not limited to, implementing shared services with neighboring municipalities, retrofitting more than the required storm drain inlets, aggressive street sweeping program, or installing a vehicle washing system prior to the February 28, 2009 deadline.

### **AWARD DOCUMENTATION**

Please provide clear information explaining how you are implementing an innovative stormwater program that has produced exceptional results. You should also discuss on **no more than four** pages how your program has gone beyond the basic NJPDES permit requirements. You may provide **up to three** documents to support the application. These documents should highlight program achievements. Examples include your Annual Report and Certification, newspaper clippings, photos, event programs, and operation records (e.g., street sweeping or road erosion logs). NOTE: Photographs must be suitable for reproduction and publication in local press releases and on the Department's web site. Please do not send negatives, slides, or copies of photographs. Because your photographs may be published, you must identify each person in the photographs and provide a brief caption, as well as obtain approval for publication.

Use the following as a guideline for describing your program:

- (1) Describe the conditions that existed prior to the development and implementation of your program, including any relevant environmental factors;
- (2) Describe, in detail, your stormwater program/project; and
- (3) Describe how your program/project is achieving its goal of stormwater pollution prevention and/or innovative solutions. Have you been able to document, through monitoring or some other means, the environmental benefits of your program? If yes, please describe. Are there unexpected benefits or cost savings from the program?

## **EVALUATING**

A panel of judges will evaluate all nomination forms and make a final decision.

## **SUBMITTALS AND DEADLINES**

All nomination forms and supporting materials must be submitted to the Department no later than September 28, 2007. All entries become property of the Department.

Municipal applicants may apply for any of the awards listed. However, separate nomination forms must be submitted for each topic.

## **ABOUT THE CLEAN WATER NEW JERSEY CAMPAIGN**

The Clean Water New Jersey campaign seeks to reach all residents and businesses of the State and promote basic behavioral changes, through statewide stormwater education, that will reduce the amount of pollution entering the surface and ground waters of the State. For more information please visit [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org).

## 2007 Clean Water New Jersey Awards Program Application

(Please include this form with all submitted application materials)

Indicate the type of permit you discharge stormwater under:

☐ Tier A Municipality

☐ Tier B Municipality

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for preparing application: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Stormwater Program Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

### Category of Nomination:

☐ Post Construction in New Development and Redevelopment

☐ Local Public Education

☐ Illicit Connection and Outfall Pipe Mapping Program

☐ Maintenance Yard / Public Works Operations (including Solids and Floatable Control)

\*NOTE: A separate application must be submitted for each nomination.

**Did you attach your answers to the award criteria questions? Incomplete applications may be rejected. Submit application and supporting materials by September 28, 2007 to:**

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control  
PO Box 029  
Trenton, NJ 08625  
Attention: Tara Wood

**For questions regarding the application process please contact your  
Case Manager at 609-633-7021.**

For electronic copies of this application please go to [www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)